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Dear Sylvia,

First, because I expect a visitor now overdue, let me blurt out what our taciturn friend Paul apparently didn't get around to telling you, that I have won the first freedom-of-information suit in the assassinations. It was the case in which you have Bud's fine brief.

You know Rusk's inappropriately-used phrase, "We were eyeball to eyeball, and they blinked". We were. They did. They didn't dare face me in court. If the brief alone is not persuasive, the rest will soon enough be known. In the course of this I learned we had the right blinkers, too, about which the future will also disclose more.

Because they were so uncivil and because they needlessly delayed me for a year, in a complete and blatant illegality, I decided to try and teach them manners. I laid aside preparation for another and much more complicated suit, in which the magazine received today will be helpful (can you make copies of the appropriate pages without personal cost?), and fined final papers in five more, all of which will interest you more directly.

The suit I laid aside and will resume as soon as I can, for other things now transgress, centers around the panel. Bud did the brief in the first case, but I've gotten him involved in other costly and time-consuming affairs, so I'll have to be my own lawyer for a while. While I do not look forward to the inevitable tensions, I do look with anticipation toward the day when I come personally, examine Fisher, Finck, Aunes, Boswell and others, under oath. You know what I have in PM III. May I tell you that is now relatively unimportant to what is in my possession, as the result of four very hard years of effort. I wish you could see it. To coin a bad phrase, it is the dying end. I am forcing things, with some success, getting what was denied the Commission.

Paul told me you were unwell. I am not. Just exhausted, and concerned that there is no medical determination of the cause of my blacking out. I'm so glad you had a chance to meet Paul. He is a remarkable young man, as highly-principled as they come, and as bright. I'm very fond of him, as I am of several of his peers with whom I am in regular contact. Paul has done magnificently in following up the far-from-understood New Orleans work and has, as he probably told you, made significant discoveries. I think he will be able to do much more with this aspect, and it is one of the keys, as he is coming to understand so well.

Please, by all means, try and send me any scrap, no matter how seemingly insignificant, about any of the doctors, preferably, if you can, in form I can keep. By the way, if Cyril will be my expert witness and will then sit by my side as a technical consultant, there will be a strange team at the panel trial, assuming I can get there. I'll be the lawyer and my research assistant will be a very bright 16-year-old! He is much taken by your work, consulting it regularly at the library, saving his limited funds for documents. And because of his tender years, he has been able to get responses from self-justifying finks who'd never respond to an adult. Great boy who, despite youth and inexperience, is one of the best of us, considerably superior to most who are well known.

If Paul did not tell you, after a year of effort, I was able to arrange for Bud to join Ray's legal defense. I want no publicity on my part. Bud agreed when I asked him, apparently persuaded I couldn't do it. He has prepared a fine legal document from COUP II and, were it not for the damage done by legal incompetence in the past, I think there'd be no doubt. Best regards,